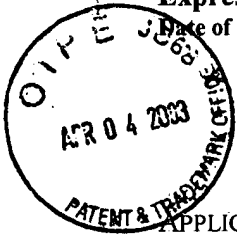


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed November 4, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 4, 2003. A check in the amount of \$205.00 (#15976), in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-615 (CURA-115). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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